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AN ACT

CREATING A DISASTER AID INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29C.20A DISASTER AID INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND.

1. A disaster aid individual assistance grant fund is created in the state treasury for the use of the executive council. Moneys in the fund may be expended following the governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency. The executive council may make financial grants to meet disaster-related expenses or serious needs of individuals or families adversely affected by a disaster which cannot otherwise be met by other means of financial assistance. The aggregate total of grants awarded shall not be more than one million dollars during a fiscal year. However, within the same fiscal year, additional funds may be specifically authorized by the executive council to meet additional needs.

2. The grant funds shall be administered by the department of human services. The department shall adopt rules to create the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance grant program. The rules shall specify the eligibility of applicants and eligible items for grant funding. The rules shall be adopted no later than January 1, 2008. The executive council shall use grant funds to reimburse the department of human services for its actual expenses associated with the administration of the grants.

3. To be eligible for a grant, an applicant shall have an annual household income that is less than one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty level based on the number of people in the applicant's household as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services. The amount of a grant for a household shall not exceed twenty-five percent of one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty level for a household of one. Expenses eligible for grant funding shall be limited to personal property, home repair, food assistance, and temporary housing assistance. An applicant for a grant shall sign an affidavit committing to refund any part of the grant that is duplicated by any other assistance, such as but not limited to insurance or assistance from community development groups, charities, the small business administration, and the federal emergency management agency.

4. The homeland security and emergency management division shall submit an annual report, by January 1 of each year, to the legislative fiscal committee and the legislative government oversight committee concerning the activities of the grant program in the previous fiscal year.

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House

JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 896, Eighty-second General Assembly.

MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2007

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